

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: CEDAR CREEK AND BELLE GROVE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

CEDAR CREEK AND BELLE GROVE NATIONAL  
HISTORICAL PARK

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

20656

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

06/05/2012

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 107-373

## 13. Effective Date

12/19/2002

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this  
FiscalYear

## 17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2 Meetings and Dates

| Purpose   | Start      | End        |
|---|------------|------------|
| The meeting purpose was to receive a an approval and recommendation from the members of the park & partner derived set of priorities on the data and planning needs section of the draft foundation document as well as provide a comprehensive update of all accomplishments made by the NPS over the previous year. | 06/20/2018 | 06/20/2018 |
| The purpose of this meeting was to review FAC set GMP implementation priorities set in 2014 and reset priorities for the next 18-24 months and to discuss park operations and projects.   | 09/20/2018 | 09/20/2018 |

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

|  | Current FY | Next FY    |
|--|------------|------------|
| 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members      | \$0.00     | \$0.00     |
| 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members          | \$404.00   | \$1,620.00 |
| 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff            | \$359.00   | \$1,440.00 |
| 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants   | \$0.00     | \$0.00     |
| 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members | \$0.00     | \$0.00     |

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| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>                 | \$0.00     | \$0.00     |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>                   | \$0.00     | \$0.00     |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>          | \$0.00     | \$0.00     |
| <b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b> | \$350.00   | \$300.00   |
| <b>18d. Total</b>   | \$1,113.00 | \$3,360.00 |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>                          | 0.20       | 0.20       |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) in the preparation and implementation of a General Management Plan and to advise the Secretary with respect to the identification of sites of significance outside the national park boundary deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Act. The General Management Plan was completed in June 2011, and the Commission continues advising on the implementation of the plan.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

15 Members representing the following entities: a) one representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia;b) one representative each from the local governments of Strasburg, Middletown, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, and Warren County;(c) two representatives of private landowners within the Park;(d) one representative from a citizen interest group;(e) one representative from the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation;(f) one representative from Belle Grove, Incorporated;(g) one representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation;(h) one representative from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation;(i) one ex-officio representative from the National Park Service; and(j) one ex-officio representative from the United States Forest Service.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4. Each of the meetings will focus on some aspect of implementing the General Management Plan.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The enabling legislation for the Park directs the National Park Service to develop a general management plan and to establish a park advisory commission to advise in the development and implementation of that plan and the identification of sites of significance outside the national park boundary deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Act.The General Management Plan was completed in June 2011, and the Commission is now advising on the implementation of the plan.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

The Commission is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994), and may take no action unless the charter filing requirements of Section 9 (a) of the Act have been complied with. The provisions of section 14(b) of FACA requiring a biennial rechartering are inapplicable to the Commission pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 102-525, October 26, 1992. However, there will be a biennial review of the Commission to determine if its goals and objectives are being fulfilled.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Jennifer Flynn Superintendent/Park Manager, Cedar Creek & Belle Grove NHP

| Committee Members  | Start      | End        | Occupation                               | Member Designation    |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--|-----------------------|
| Adamson, John      | 07/09/2014 | 10/02/2018 | Belle Grove, Inc.                        | Representative Member |
| Beck-Herzog, Karen | 04/14/2016 | 04/13/2019 | National Park Service                    | Ex Officio Member     |
| Bernhards, Carl    | 07/09/2014 | 10/02/2018 | Town of Middletown                       | Representative Member |
| Blount, David      | 07/09/2014 | 10/02/2018 | Private Land Owner                       | Representative Member |
| Campi, James       | 11/09/2015 | 11/09/2018 | Director, Media and Government Relations | Representative Member |
| Coussan, Paul      | 11/09/2015 | 11/08/2018 | Civil War Trust                          | Representative Member |
| Frink, Jeanne      | 03/08/2011 | 09/17/2018 | Commonwealth of Virginia                 | Representative Member |
| Funkhouser, Teresa | 10/05/2016 | 10/05/2019 | Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors   | Representative Member |
| Hirschberg, Stan   | 07/09/2014 | 10/02/2018 | Board Member                             | Representative Member |
| Hoover, Jered      | 10/05/2017 | 10/05/2019 | Shenandoah County Virginia               | Representative Member |
| Lawrence, Eric     | 07/09/2014 | 10/02/2018 | Director of Sanitation                   | Representative Member |
| Meyer, Lee         | 07/09/2014 | 10/02/2018 | Warren County, VA                        | Representative Member |
| Nieweg, Robert     | 07/09/2014 | 10/02/2018 | Regional Director and Attorney           | Representative Member |
| Picerno, Nick      | 07/09/2014 | 10/02/2018 | Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation | Representative Member |
| Redmon, Richard    | 10/05/2016 | 10/05/2019 | Town of Strasburg, VA                    | Representative Member |

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

**Narrative Description**

The Commission will advise the agency on the development and implementation of the General Management Plan. The General Management Plan was completed in June 2011, and the Commission is now advising on the implementation of the plan.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety

☐

Trust in government

☒

Major policy changes

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Outcome Comments

Trust in Government: Representatives of several local governments, non profit entities, Federal agencies, private landowners and civic organizations are represented on the Commission. Their representation on the Commission increase public trust that their concerns will be taken into account in the development, management and operation of the national park. Improved Delivery Service: The Commission will advise on desired experiences for national park visitors, and the staffing and facilities requirements to support those experiences. Increased Customer Satisfaction: Representation of this wide spectrum of entities will facilitate coordination and integration of the management plan with local government comprehensive plans, objectives of nonprofit organizations, and needs of private landowners in and around the national park.

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

|                            | Checked if Applies                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Cost Savings Comments

NA

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

20

### Number of Recommendations Comments

In fiscal year 2018, the committee met twice and recommended that park staff put the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the NPS American Battlefield Protection Program on notice regarding the Virginia Department of Transportation I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan study and potential detrimental effects of widening on Valley Battlefields; the group concurred with the Foundation Document Planning and Data Needs priorities with the change from medium to high for Partnership Action Plan, which will be reflected in the final document printing. In fiscal year 2017, the FAC only met 2 out of the 4 scheduled meetings due to the Department of the Interior's review of all Federal Advisory Commissions, and therefore, the commission did not provide any recommendations this year. In fiscal year 2016, the FAC provided input on the park's significance, interpretive themes and fundamental and other important park resources for the park's foundation document. In fiscal year 2015, the advisory commission advised on three issues: the nomination of the Civil War Trust to fill the citizen's group membership vacancy, a suggested list of short and long-term park priorities, and a preference for the colors of the shared graphic identity. In fiscal year 2014, the advisory commission advised on several issues: the development of directional signage for the park, a new unigrid brochure, a trail system through the park, a shared graphic identity, Route 11 bridge project, I-81 bridge project, 150th Civil War anniversary planning, and land preservation and acquisition.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

95%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The FAC's input on the park's foundation document was fully accepted and integrated into the document. The advisory commissions recommendation for the colors of the shared graphic identity was adopted by the partners. A staff person from the Civil War Trust was nominated and appointed to fill the citizen's group membership vacancy. The recommendation regarding the directional signage was fully implemented in June, 2014. The recommendation on the shared graphic identify for the park is fully implemented. The new unigrid was completed and printed in May, 2014, it was updated in 2018 to include the new shared graphic logo. The committee recommended courses of action for the Route 11 bridge project and the I-81 bridge and subsequent meetings and actions occurred in May, 2014. The recommendations on the 150th anniversary helped shape the event planning and are currently being implemented. The recommendations on trail development have been incorporated into the draft trail management strategy document. The commission's recommendations on land preservation and acquisition have been incorporated into the park's land management strategies. The trail management strategy

has been finalized. The 150th Anniversary planning concluded with a successful set of events for the park and partners. The nomination for Paul Coussan from the Civil War Trust has been forwarded for formal review; he has been appointed by the Secretary.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

30%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Implementation of the 2014 short- and long-term priorities.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Yes. The DFO and regional park staff provide feedback and updates on recommendations at quarterly commission meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Action Comments**

The national park has focused its funding and staffing priorities and resources to continued development and installation of interpretive signage, the shared graphic identity, implement a trails management strategy, and shared partnership projects including outreach to students this fiscal year as a result of the commission's recommendations.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

## Grant Review Comments

Not applicable.

## How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

|                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

## Access Comments

A public review copy of all meeting agendas, minutes and handouts are kept at park headquarters for public review. Meeting agendas, list of handouts and meeting minutes are posted on the agency web site at

<http://www.nps.gov/cebe/parkmgmt/park-advisory-commission.htm>.